



The overwhelming majority of Modern roses descend from just four species roses:

- R. chinensis*
- R. moschata*
- R. foetida persiana*
- R. multiflora*

For each species, the lineal descendency through the individual in each generation that has the most offspring, total, in all subsequent generations is the **major descendency** of that species.

The major descendency of *R. chinensis* and *R. moschata* overwhelmingly dominates the ancestries of modern roses and is, then, the **Principal Descendency**

The major descendencies of the four founder species converge on each other in the creation of a single exceptional rose - Gene Boerner's **Fashion**

Principal Descendency:
R. chinensis

Major Descendency:
R. foetida persiana

Major Descendency:
R. multiflora

The Major Descendencies of Modern Roses.

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